

HAWTREY AND DALY HOLD SABBATH DRESS REHEARSAL.

"A Message from Mars" and "The New Yorkers" Are in Shape for Opening Presentation To-Night—Nina Diva Will Open New Circle Theatre.

Dress rehearsals were given last evening of "The New Yorkers" at the Herald Square Theatre and "A Message from Mars" at the Garrick, both of which plays will be presented to-night for the first time to the New York public.

Mr. Hawtreys rehearsal was in no wise experimental, as the star and his company from London ceased long ago to be nervous over their lines, but the evening was profitably spent in getting accustomed to their new surroundings and shaking the kinks out of their "sea legs" after their recent voyage. The rehearsal went without a hitch, and it is enough to say that Mr. Hawtreys will doubtless share from the first the sighs, approbation and dollars of the matinee girls with Messrs. Paversham, Hackett and Sothorn.

The case was different with Mr. Daly and the heavy of beauty and talent that will assist him in his stellar venture. After it became necessary to revamp Mr. Lederer's production by transforming a trio of nihilists into Russian detectives and by consolidating three acts into two out a short time remained in which to again perfect the company in their parts and consequently considerable nervousness existed last night at the first even semi-public test.

Criticism of costuming is not in order at this time, but The Evening World hopes it is violating no confidence to say that the rehearsal secured well for the play's reception. The staging and costumes are handsome and the writer will expect to hear much of the music as "The New Yorkers" hummed on Broadway at 11 o'clock to-night or as soon thereafter as the audience is permitted to leave the theatre.

Mr. Daly and Miss Earle have some songs on the program and the choruses of "Take Me Back to Herald Square," "Strolling in Society" and "When the Band Began to Play" are musical and catchy.

Then, too, there are pretty groups of girls with pink plumes and white plumes and real girls in their hats and a brand new doublet set.

The fashionable audiences that go to see Mrs. Fiske in "Miranda of the Balcony" at the Manhattan, are not used to displays of emotion, even at the tragic scene in the desert camp, when Capt. Warriner tries to stab the hero who has rescued him from the slave drivers.

So quite a commotion was occasioned at Saturday night's performance, when a shrill shriek came from the first balcony just as Warriner's knife was poised for the blow. Opera glasses and cigarettes were quickly directed to the spot from which the cry came, and in one of the front seats a young man was seen supporting the figure of a young girl, who was in a faint.

She soon revived and persons near the couple heard the girl ask shudderingly: "Did—did he kill him, Tom?" "Never touched him," replied Tom briskly. Then the girl sat up and began to weep softly, all unconscious that she was the centre of observation.

"How ridiculous!" exclaimed a woman in the centre of the house, turning toward the stage again with a blasé air.

The new Circle Theatre management will not down, and during the next two weeks, if the promoters' plans do not miscarry, they expect to have the resort in full blast, despite the opposition of the Paulist fathers, who so far have thwarted all attempts to open the place.

The actual advent of the theatre will open, if the plan succeeds, is to be Mme. Nina Diva, the French actress, the most elaborate and it is said, the most sensational vaudeville sketch ever seen in this country. Twenty-six performers, mostly beautiful young girls, compose the cast of the act, and their costumes and postures are said to be the most startling ever.

Mme. Diva adds that she has already expended \$50,000 in the venture, and says the outlay will be \$25,000 before the curtain goes up on the first performance.

WORRIED OVER BOY'S ABSENCE
MESELER HAD FOLLOWED SISTER ON WEDDING TRIP.

Willie Meseler, sixteen years old, of No. 4 Waterloo place, in the Bronx, has been absent from home since Sept. 15, two days after his sister Carrie was married. The boy, who was devoted to his sister, told some companions that he was going to try to find his sister, as he thought that he knew where her husband had taken her on their wedding trip.

The sister married L. H. Pierce, a widower, fifty-two years old. He did not want his friends to plague him and his bride with letters and express packages decorated with hearts, so he kept the details of his wedding trip a secret.

When Mr. and Mrs. Pierce returned home they were surprised to learn of Willie's absence. They had not seen him during their trip and they are greatly worried about him.

HAY READY FOR WORK.

Secretary of State intimates he will stay in Cabinet.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7.—The Secretary of State is expected to return next week from his much-interrupted vacation, greatly improved in health and ready for the winter's work. He is to receive the degree of Doctor of Laws at New Haven on the occasion of the Yale Bicentenary.

When asked if there was any truth in the statement attributed to Secretary Gage that he was soon to retire from the State Department, Mr. Hay replied that he was sure Mr. Gage had said nothing of the sort.

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NINA DIVA

Her contract calls for the opening of the theatre within three weeks.

Rev. Dr. Watson (Dan MacLaren) in an interview in London since he learned that an audience of ministers had attended and endorsed Arthur Stoddard's performance, "The Bonnie Briar Bush" was asked:

"Why do people, even clergymen, have such a craze for the theatre?" "Because," replied the Doctor, "the dramatic instinct is born in us. What good people should do is not to ostracize the theatre, but to purify it."

By encouraging managers to produce pure plays and to support well-living actors, the higher drama can be made profitable and popular, and the lower will be left to the irretrievably vicious, where it will die by destitution. You can never reform by repression, but only by education and elevation.

"I wish well to every man and woman who helps to make the stage a blessing and not a curse to society, and before I die I expect to see a clean, wholesome theatre in England and a play as well patronized and endorsed by the clergy as 'The Bonnie Briar Bush' has been in America."

Charles Prince, of the "King's Carnival" company, says the following circumlocution came to him after a smoke the night he heard the company was going on the road:

The "Fortune Teller" told me that "Janice Meredith," "My Lady," had gone from "Broadway to Tokyo." "On the Quiet" with "Richard Lovelace," I went to see "San Toy," "The Girl from Tripoli," and found her in "Lovers' Lane" with "The Governor's Son." I told her of "The Adventure of Lady Graila," "In the Palace of the King," and she said she was "The Queen of Quality" and fond of "Sporting Life."

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SAYS BOYS ARE HIGHWAYMEN.
JERSEY CITY MAN DECLARES THAT HE WAS HELD UP.

William Graham, twenty-two years old, of No. 41 West Thirty-ninth street, this city, and William Hughes, seventeen years old, of No. 319 Grand street, Jersey City, were held for a hearing in Police Judge Hook's court, Jersey City, this morning, for highway robbery.

Patrik Miller, of Grand and State streets, Jersey City, was walking along Grand street at 2:45 A. M., when he alleges, he was held up by Graham and Hughes, who stripped him of everything valuable.

If the jail was in a bad state and public officials were to blame, the facts would have to be stated and those responsible punished.

"If any public official is culpable," he concluded, "I will see that he is tried before twelve good men."

FILIPINOS DYING OF STARVATION.
NATIVES OF PANAY FIGHTING HUNGER AND PLAGUE.

TACOMA, Wash., Oct. 7.—Steamer advices say the island of Panay, in the Philippines, which has been affected by the plague, is now visited by famine. One hundred and thirty deaths from starvation are reported to have occurred at Capiz alone.

To prevent the spread of the plague Manila has inaugurated a war against rats, paying two and a half cents for each rodent delivered to the Board of Health.

CALL WOMEN'S POKER GAME.

EXCITEMENT LEADS MRS. ROSENFELD'S NEIGHBORS TO ACT.

And She Declares that Her Women Friends Never Are Nuts and Leave at 1:30 A. M.

The neighbors of Mrs. Flora Rosenfeld, who lives in the apartment-house at No. 207 Seventh avenue, have recently complained that she has visitors about twice a week who remain until a late hour. The neighbors say that the guests of Mrs. Rosenfeld, who are of the gentler sex, make a great deal of noise rattling poker chips and announcing "Four aces," "A flush" and "That's good."

Mrs. Rosenfeld, who is a handsome widow, is not annoyed at the complaints of her neighbors, though she admits that she is a little surprised that her callers have been a source of annoyance.

"We will try to be more quiet hereafter," she says. About twice a week, and sometimes ten, of my women friends call here for a quiet game of poker. They are all women whom I have known since I went to school. They are now the wives of well-to-do business men living uptown, who enjoy a good game of poker. No, I will not give their names. We never have any men present. Usually the limit is no higher than twenty cents. We play no later than one or half past one, and we try to keep as quiet as possible. But you know how difficult that is when you get a good hand. After the games we sometimes have a little refreshment.

"Our playing is not harmful and I do not see any reason why any one should complain. Why, I can take you to twenty houses in Harlem—the homes of eminently respectable families—where you can find weekly parties of women playing poker. Isn't it fair that the women should play as well as the men? The authorities cannot disturb us, can they? It is only a private party, into which no outsiders are admitted."

DROPPED DEAD IN THE STREET.

WILLIAM H. ECKMAN SUGGESTED ON WAY HOME.

William H. Eckman, of No. 181 West Twenty-second street, had written a story for a Western paper and was on his way to mail it when he was taken ill late last night while in front of No. 109 West Twenty-second street, a short distance from his home.

Policeman Devine, of the West Thirtieth street station, was close by when Eckman dropped.

A search of his clothing revealed his identity, and his wife, who conducts a boarding-house at the Twenty-second street address, was communicated with. She said that several years ago he had been prominent in political circles in Cleveland and for seven years held the office of City Clerk.

HURRICANE IN BRITAIN.

LONDON, Oct. 7.—A furious gale raged yesterday over Great Britain, the Channel, the North Sea and Belgium. Several fatalities on land are reported as the result of falling trees. Slight casualties at sea are also reported.

There was a waterspout near Calais. Telegraphic and telephonic communication was generally interrupted.

HURRIED TRIP OF INSANE MAN.

LYNCH TRAVELLED FIFTY MILES IN ELEVEN HOURS.

Eugene Lynch, a patient in the Long Island State Hospital at Kings Park, escaped from that institution about 10 o'clock yesterday morning, and at 9 o'clock last night arrived at the home of his father, No. 99 Wyckoff street, Brooklyn. He had walked and run fifty miles in eleven hours.

His father tried to keep him at home last night, but he grew violent, and a policeman was called, who took him to the Butler street station. He will be sent back to the asylum to-day.

Lynch is twenty years old and was formerly a proofreader. He sat up nights writing a novel which he hoped would make his reputation, but when it was completed he could not find a publisher, and disappointment wrecked his mind.

GIRL HELD AS ROBBER OF RICH.

POLICE SAY TWENTY FAMILIES WERE HER VICTIMS.

Olive Pacey Admits Having Been Employed by Many of the Brooklyn Complainers.

Olive Pacey, twenty-four years old, who admitted that she sometimes called herself Mabel Thompson for convenience sake, was held for examination in the Gates Avenue Court, in Brooklyn, to-day because the police believe she has robbed more than twenty wealthy families in the borough.

A few days ago Olive answered the advertisement of Mrs. Edith Mayer, of No. 116 Jefferson avenue, who wanted a maid. Olive got the job, and held it only two hours, at the end of which time she vanished, together with a linen table cloth and \$5 in cash belonging to Mrs. Mayer.

When arraigned Olive admitted having been employed by many of the complainers, whose names and addresses the detectives have. None of the stolen property, however, was found in her possession when she was arrested at No. 114 Megerole street.

LEGATION GUARDS OFFEND.

Chinese Officials Considering Protest to Ministers.

PEKING, Oct. 7.—The Chinese officials are considering the desirability of protesting to the German Ministers against the conduct of the Legation guards. The soldiers continue to treat the Chinese like a conquered people. Groups of soldiers roam about the city, seizing their property, and are introduced, mistreating the natives and committing petty robberies.

A party of Americans recently looted a jeweler's store, securing several hundred dollars worth of property. The whole garrisoned Legation compounds until the guilty men were detected.

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